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SUBJECT: MRS. DUBS REPLY TO PRESIDENT TARAKI'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

1. ON FEBRUARY 17, THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, A.I., DELIVERED TO SHAHA MOHAMMAD DOST, DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, FOR DELIVERY TO NOOR MOHAMMAD TARAKI, PRESIDENT OF THE REVOLUTIONARY

COUNCIL A HANDWRITTEN REPLY FROM MRS. MARY ANN DUBS TO TARAKI'S CONDOLENCES UPON THE DEATH OF AMBASSADOR DUBS. DOST WAS TOLD THAT THE TEXT WAS BEING RELEASED IMMEDIATELY TO THE PRESS.

2. TEXT FOLLOWS:

*EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

FEBRUARY 17, 1979

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY ON BEHALF OF THE GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN.

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*WHEN MY HUSBAND TOOK UP HIS DUTIES AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO

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AFGHANISTAN, ONE OF HIS GOALS WAS TO REPRESENT NOT ONLY THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO THE CHARACTER OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. ONE OF THOSE CHARACTERISTICS IS THAT REASONABLE MEN OF GOODWILL CAN WORK TOGETHER TO FIND SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS, EVEN IN TIMES OF CRISIS. ANOTHER IS COMPASSION AND RESPECT FOR THE VALUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

"BEYOND THE PERSONAL GRIEF WHICH HIS LOSS HAS BROUGHT TO ME, THERE IS A LARGER SENSE IN WHICH HIS DEATH IS A TRAGEDY -- THAT HE SHOULD HAVE DIED IN CIRCUMSTANCES SO ALIEN TO THE IDEALS HE SOUGHT TO PROJECT IN HIS WORK HERE.

"SINCERELY

"MARY ANN DUBS"
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